

CURSES PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

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Salt Lake Tribune has repeatedly shown this to be the case, and the man himself has placed himself on record unequivocally at various times. One quotation only need be used, from a sermon preached at Provo, April, 1898, and reported in the Deseret News for April 25, 1898:

"The fact of the matter is, when a man says you can direct me spiritually, but not temporally, he lies in the presence of God—there is no God but he is talking about."

Enforced by Acts.

In a more forceful way, perhaps, has he been teaching the doctrine of "unquestioning obedience to the priesthood" by promptly having any man cut off from the church who dares to call in question the acts or the words of the men who hold the priesthood, and especially when the man called in question is himself. Witness the excommunication of Charles Smurthwaite, John H. Scott, and others who have freely spoken their candid opinion relative to Joseph F. Smith, and who have been cut off from the church, not for telling what was not true, but simply for saying what they did. And in their trials before the ecclesiastical courts of the church they were not permitted to prove their statements—the mere fact that they said what they did was crime enough in the eyes of the present president of the Mormon church.

Neither I nor any other fair-minded man would feel justified in presenting obsolete utterances of the past for a cruel condemnation of the present generation of men; and it is only because the dicta of the presidents of the Mormon church, from Brigham Young down (or up) to the present chief of the church, are cumulative and explanatory that I make this array.

There Is No Mitigation.

Let it be noted that with all this tremendous aggregation of utterances declarative of the one proposition of "unquestioning obedience," there is not to be found, to my knowledge, one authoritative expression from the leaders of the Mormon church, either contradicting the dictum or mitigating the generality or the severity of its application, until the Deseret News, for purposes which will be made plain in succeeding paragraphs, concludes to obliterate the whole record by a falsehood.

Contradicted Himself.

How strange it is that the editor of the News should have the hardihood to try to make out that the doctrine of "unquestioning obedience to the priesthood" is not a prominent policy of the Mormon church, when he himself has repeatedly taught this doctrine to his audiences. No longer ago than the 26th of October last he was teaching this doctrine in his peculiarly oracular manner. In his sermon at Ogden on that date he is reported to have said:

"In a nutshell, the philosophy of the Mormon religion consists in obeying the commandments and living up to the revelations of God as revealed to his chosen servants on earth in this last dispensation of the fullness of times."

"The talk was purely doctrinal," says the Utah State Journal of the 27th of October, in speaking of the effort of the editor of the News, "advising all to lead the life laid down by the authorities of the church and their teachings." In the light of what we have quoted from the leading men of the church, it is quite clear that Mr. Penrose is obediently teaching the doctrine of "unquestioning obedience to the priesthood."

What Is the Object?

In the light of all this, the question naturally arises, what interest of the Mormon church or "holier priesthood" can the editor of the News expect at this time to advance by attempting to refute the idea that "unquestioning obedience to the priesthood" has always been and is a prominent teaching of the Mormon church? We will touch upon this in other paragraphs.

To the younger and the progressive element in the Mormon church this blunt teaching of the doctrine of submergence of individuality and intelligence in an absolute obedience to those holding the priesthood who may occupy positions which are considered as higher ones, may be shocking, and we hope it is; but that it has been so taught ever since the Mormons came into this valley cannot be successfully denied, and we are surprised that the editor of the News should even attempt the feat.

I am glad if the News editor at last realizes that the awakening of the spirit of American liberty within the breasts of the younger element of the Mormon church makes it somewhat dangerous from the standpoint of the leaders of the Mormon church to preach the doctrine of "unquestioning obedience" so bluntly as it has been in the past. That he does appreciate this to some extent is indicated by his rather weak, and for him unfortunate effort to refute it in the manner he did.

Difficult to Understand.

It is difficult for me, as it is for many, many others, to understand how men and women can be brought to such a state of religious fanaticism that they will bow to such domination as is taught in the extracts we have here presented from accepted books of the Mormon church, and that there exists therein today an absolutism which has been the proud boast of some of the shining lights in its priesthood is too patent for an attempted refutation by those not possessing the reckless temerity of the editor of the News.

Knowing full well, as he does, that "unquestioning obedience to the priesthood" is a striking and prominent feature of the Mormon church, the editor of the News can have but one object in attempting a characteristically blundering denial that such a doctrine is prevalent and rigidly enforced in the Mormon church today. That object is to deceive, at this peculiarly critical period in the history of the Mormon church, the people of the United States as to the true character of some of the prominent teachings of the Mormon church. The editor of the News knows well that an exposure of this doctrine at this time, when the people of the United States are aroused as they never were before, would prove highly inimical to the interests of the Mormon church and leading men in their efforts to have one of their representatives retain his seat in the National legislative halls. And that the

STEAMER PORTLAND GOES ON ROCKS IN FOG

Marine Men Believe Cargo of Ore Deflected Vessel's Compass.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—The steamer Portland went on the rocks at Spit Island, about eight miles north of Ketchikan, Alaska, on the night of December 21. A dispatch from Captain Lindquist, master of the vessel, states that the steamer is hard aground and is leaking badly. He thinks she will be a total loss. The passengers are supposed to have been transferred to Ketchikan. The Portland is owned and operated by the Alaska Commercial company of San Francisco.

Ore Deflects Compass.

Spit Island is a small, rocky point in the center of the Ketchikan channel. It is thought by marine men that the 600 tons of ore on board the Portland deflected the vessel's compass, and during the fog she bore too much to starboard and brought up on the island. Tugs will be sent to her rescue as soon as possible. They cannot reach her for at least three days.

Boat Is Well Known.

The Portland is one of the best-known boats on the Pacific coast. In July, 1897, she arrived in Seattle from St. Michaels, bringing the first news of the wonderful richness of the Klondike and about \$700,000 in dust. In 1901 she was caught in the ice near the Diomed Islands and drifted far into the Bering sea before being able to escape.

Lindquist an Authority.

Captain Lindquist, her master, is one of the best authorities on Alaskan waters in command of a vessel. He has been preparing charts of Lynn canal, which he was soon to have forwarded to Washington. Among the passengers on board was Clark Davis, a well-known Seattle man, and a son of Captain Jensen, pilot for several of the large vessels.

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STABBING AT MIDVALE

Trouble at Dance Results in Probably Fatal Encounter.

Special to The Tribune.
WEISER, Ida, Dec. 24.—At a dance at Midvale, about thirty miles from this city, Friday night, an altercation took place between a young man named Bert Barber and Charles Macomb. After the trouble at the dance Macomb left the hall and went to sleep kept by his brother, where he was followed by Barber, who again started the trouble, when Macomb slapped him in the face.

Has Knife Concealed.

Barber had a knife concealed in his hand with which he stabbed Macomb twice in the left breast, inflicting wounds which may prove fatal. He was immediately arrested and placed under \$500 bonds to appear for a preliminary hearing in this city next Wednesday.

Both men live at Midvale. Macomb is a married man while Barber is quite young.

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News should thus raise the very issue it could best afford at this time to have remain in the deepest background, is but another evidence of its blundering course. Now that the issue has been squarely raised by the apostolic editor of the News, let us make an application of this array of documentary evidence that the leaders of the Mormon church have for years been assiduously drilling their people into a state of complete submission to the priesthood of the church, a submission that penetrates into every phase of the lives of their people.

What Is the Interest?

One may ask: Of what living interest can it be to the people of this country that the priests and devotees of any given cult shall respectively demand and render "unquestioning obedience" to ranking leaders professing possession of divine authority? The question is answered by this startling fact: That a representative of that authority, bound by all this uncontradicted doctrine to obey his chief without a question, has been sent to the Senate of the United States there to assist in making laws for this Nation. Granted that this representative had made an exhaustive study of our history and institutions, and had arrived at the most advanced knowledge of truth concerning our needs, he is still bound by the utterance of a former president of the Mormon church, and the constant teachings of its leaders, to throw away every belief in the righteousness of the principles of American government at the mere suggestion of the man who stands at the head of the priesthood of the Mormon church, or at the command of one of the representatives "his leaders" in the presidency of the church or the council of apostles.

Smoot Must Be Supine.

To all intents and purposes, then, Reed Smoot, the apostle, or Reed Smoot, the Senator, must be as supine as a dead body, to be moved at the will of his ecclesiastical superiors. It is not a question whether they will move him to do good or to do bad for this Nation; the question is that he is under absolute control and he cannot truthfully take the oath of office as prescribed.

I do not feel disposed to use the words traitor and treason, although The Tribune has made an almost irreparable case against Smoot and the Mormon leaders on this point—but I submit to my fellow citizens of the Nation that no man can be qualified to vote upon laws for our government who is bound by the doctrine of "unquestioning obedience" to any priestcraft on this earth.

FREDERICK M. SMITH.
Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 16, 1905.

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LOS ANGELES HAS BIG HOTEL FIRE

Van Nuys Broadway Hotel Is Almost Completely Destroyed.

MANY GUESTS BARELY ESCAPE WITH THEIR LIVES

Six Firemen Injured by Being Precipitated Into the Basement.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—In the largest hotel fire in the history of Los Angeles, the Van Nuys Broadway hotel, one of the first-class hostilities of the city, at 412-422 South Broadway, in the heart of the business district, was almost completely destroyed today. One hundred and ten guests, most of whom were still in bed at the time the fire broke out, escaped in their scant clothing to the street. Many of them got out in their night robes and practically all suffered loss of their entire baggage and personal effects.

Firemen Fall Into Basement.

SIX firemen were injured during the progress of the flames by the collapse of the rear of the hotel. They were precipitated into the basement and all suffered more or less serious injuries.

Injured.

Following is a list of the injured firemen:

J. LAWSON, fireman hose company No. 9.

C. M. STEWART, fireman, shocked, bruised and cut.

J. LAINES, fireman; lacerated scalp and bruised about body.

W. C. PHILLIPS, fireman; bruised, burned and cut.

THOMAS LANE, fireman; shocked, bruised and cut, still unconscious, may die.

RICHARD HANLEY, fireman; bruised, cut and suffering from shock.

Fire Chief Lips was also severely cut by broken glass but had no serious injuries, dressed without leaving the scene of the fire. The total financial loss will approximate \$1,000,000.

The following are the individual losses sustained:

Individual Losses.

Martinez estate and August Winstler, owners of the hotel building, lost \$100,000; insurance \$70,000; Clark Forest, lessee of the hotel, lost \$35,000; insurance \$20,000; California Wall Paper company, G. J. Vierrack, president, lost \$25,000; insurance \$8,000; H. C. Egan, proprietor Van Nuys cafe, lost \$10,000; insurance \$2,000; loss of the guests of the hotel in baggage, valuables and money, estimated at \$500,000.

Guests Get Out Little.

Very few of the guests were able to get out any of their effects. Some of the baggage in the rooms in the front of the building was saved, but the rest was extinguished and was found to have sustained but little damage. T. H. Benton, ex-State Auditor of Nebraska, wife and daughter occupied rooms on the fourth floor and barely escaped with their lives, losing all their valuables, baggage and money, estimated at \$500.

Mrs. P. Hanisch of Chicago escaped from her room on the fourth floor, but lost effects valued at \$400. Several other individuals lost holiday in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$200.

Starts in Basement.

The origin of the fire has not been definitely ascertained. It was discovered by night clerk Harry Mertz at 6:30 o'clock. He immediately turned in an alarm and summoned the bell-boys and porters to arouse the guests. The flames appeared to come from the basement, the engine room of the hotel, although the hotel management claims the fire originated in the store of the California Wall Paper company, on the ground floor of the building. The hotel employees worked valiantly in arousing the sleeping guests, who were barely saved from the flames.

Many Barely Escape.

The flames spread with great rapidity, and in thirty minutes from the time the first alarm was turned in the whole building was ablaze. All of the guests were able to escape by means of the stairs and elevators, although the halls and corridors were densely filled with smoke and many were nearly suffocated. Two women were fainting, but were carried out in safety. The elevators were kept working and most of the guests from the four floors were taken to the street.

No Chance to Get Valuables.

Finally the engines in the basement were shut down and the elevators stopped, the remainder of the people in the hotel making their way out by the stairs. Several attempts were made to enter the building to save their effects, but the spread of flames was so rapid that there was no chance. One guest threw his trunk out of the window and it landed in the street from his room window and found them, when he got down, with \$50 in them.

Burned Like Tinder.

Although a fire engine was on the ground four minutes after the first alarm was turned in, the building burned like tinder and there was no chance to extinguish the flames. Soon practically the entire building was consumed. The fire was confined to the hotel building. Another brick building occupied by the California Wall Paper company, on the north, and it was only with much effort that the fire was prevented from spreading in that direction. A vacant lot was on the south of the hotel.

Close Call for Angelus.

The Angelus hotel, one of the largest hotels in southern California, was immediately in the rear of the Van Nuys. A strong breeze from the south was carrying the two buildings, and had the fire spread, it too, would undoubtedly have been burned. The guests of the Angelus were aroused by the fire, but there was no excitement among them.

Safe Lies in Basement.

The Van Nuys Broadway hotel, which should not be confused with the Van Nuys hotel, was a five-story brick building, built seven years ago and valued at \$150,000. There were 125 rooms in the hotel and nearly every room was occupied. About fifty of the guests in the hotel were women. The hotel safe, which was filled with valuables and money, lies in the basement of the building, and it is not known whether its contents are intact or not.

Stores on Ground Floor.

On the ground floor of the hotel were the stores of the California Wall Paper company and the hardware store of Cass Damel company, both of which were completely destroyed. A portion of the Van Nuys Broadway cafe, furnishing and some of the hotel office furniture was taken out. The basement of the building, in which the stores were located, was filled with water to a depth of three feet.

Interior Collapses.

The fire was not under control until 10:30 and was not extinguished until after noon. Almost the entire interior of the building collapsed shortly before 10 o'clock, carrying down everything in the hotel which was not already damaged by fire into the basement filled with water.

Women Almost Suffocated.

Mrs. M. G. Underwood of Waverly, N. Y., made her escape from the third story of the hotel with her aged mother, Mrs. Mary Griffith, with great difficulty. Hedged in by smoke and bewildered by the confusion, they several times lost

HEYBURN MAKING SOMETHING OF A STIR

His Independence of Administration Attracts Attention in Washington.

Special to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Senator Heyburn of Idaho is not lacking in independence, if reports be true. In the last Congress he showed some restlessness under the committee assignments conferred upon him, and the assignment accorded him this year, a place on Public Buildings and Grounds, while one that is much sought after, was not what he desired. He applied for a place on Public Lands and on Judiciary. Being an able lawyer, one of the strongest in the Senate, he felt he was entitled to a place on the legal committee of the Senate.

Takes Independent Course.

He is starting out on an independent course—indeed not only of the senators in the Senate and its venerable traditions, but independent also of the Administration. Senator Heyburn believes the forestry work in his own State and other Western States has been carried too far.

After Forestry Bureau.

He recognizes the benefits of forest reserves, but he believes in homesteaders and the educational value to the State of public lands. He has spoken out in the Senate. He has introduced three measures that are intended to get the forestry division of the Department of Agriculture moving. And he says he intends to urge them upon the Senate and not permit them to languish.

Will Say a Word.

He will doubtless speak on the subject soon after the holidays and say some things apropos of forestry. Senator Heyburn's course is a subject of daily comment. The outcome of his policy will be watched with interest.

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TELLS THE PRESIDENT

Wadsworth Explains the Speakership Situation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—James W. Wadsworth, Jr., the announced choice of Gov. Higgins for the Speakership of the New York Assembly, was in conference with President Roosevelt at the White House tonight. The conference was by appointment, and Mr. Wadsworth remained for about half an hour with the President. There was full discussion of the events which have preceded and followed the selection of Mr. Wadsworth by the Governor as his choice as the party leader in the lower house.

President Anxious to Know.

"The President was anxious to know all about the situation," said Mr. Wadsworth. "I gave him all the facts in the case and, as far as I know, there is nothing to add to what has already been said on the subject. Neither the President, my father nor I knew I was to be a candidate for the Speakership when I left here about a week ago for Albany. I reached there Sunday pledged to support Assemblyman Hooker in the position. It was after I arrived that I learned that Gov. Higgins desired me to make a contest for the position. I am in the fight to stay, and I have every confidence I will win. There is to be no compromise."

Roosevelt's Attitude Known.

Mr. Wadsworth said he thought the President's attitude was amply set forth in Representative Cook's statement issued last week.

Civil Service Commissioner Cooley left the White House with Mr. Wadsworth.

Kuppenheiner Clothing Sale.

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DEWEY SENDS GREETING

Message From Admiral Goes to Every American Warship.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Admiral Dewey has prepared the following Christmas message to the officers and men of the American navy throughout the world, which he has caused to be practically every American warship some time Christmas day:

"My Christmas greetings to the officers and men of the navy. Let us have neither cliques nor grudges, but all stand together for the good of the country and the service."
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Thief Gets Good Haul.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Four thousand dollars' worth of antique jewelry, including diamonds, emeralds, rubies, opazes and pearls was stolen early today from the show window of a firm of dealers in antique goods, 232 Fifth Avenue. The thief smashed the window and seized a jewel box in which the missing jewels were exhibited.

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Alaskan Has Close Call.

F. J. Bleeker of Fairbanks, Alaska, occupier of the room from the 1st to the 4th of the month, was full of smoke and the elevator had stopped and he had a close call from suffocation in making his escape by the stairway. He had not time to dress, so carried down his clothes and grips in his arms.

E. J. Abbott of London, an English mining engineer, had a narrow escape in getting down the stairs. In two minutes more, he declared, all escapes would have been cut off. He says that the first intimation he had of trouble was to awake choking and gasping for breath. He lost all his clothes and \$200 in currency.

Miner Is Injured.

L. R. Willis, a Nevada miner, was brought to the Keogh-Wright hospital Sunday afternoon, suffering with a broken leg and numerous severe bruises. His condition is not regarded as serious.

Owen Down for Address.

Special to The Tribune.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Charles Mostyn Owen, who has been in Washington since Congress met on legal business, has been invited to deliver an address at Litchfield, Conn., before the University club, on December 29, on "Mormonism."

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Former Senator Bard Injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Former United States Senator Bard was seriously injured yesterday in a runaway accident near Oakland. He was thrown from his buggy into a ditch, sustaining a dislocation and a fracture of his left hip.

ON THE WAYSIDE

O, why journey we through life,
Looking onward up the way,
Plucking not one single flower
In remembrance of the day.
What's the world for if we rather
Nothing that is good to keep,
Not a tear and not a smile?
Broad the way and many mansions,
Many cities to appear;
People hastening hither, thither,
All are going, none are there.
Why not tarry on the wayside,
In the twilight? 'Tis not long
State of life more than a business.
Turn the world into a song.
JAMES WYKROOP.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

THEME OF REV. SIMPKIN

Pastor Phillips Congregational Church Addresses Young Men at Y. M. C. A.

In the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, at the regular Sunday afternoon meeting, Rev. P. A. Simpkin addressed the young men upon "The Christmas Message." The hall was comfortably filled with an audience of the representative young men who gathered to attend the regular services and for the splendid sermon.

The following programme was given: Vocal solo, Miss Jessup; vocal solo, "Bethlehem," Mrs. Wetzel, accompanied by Miss Tanner; French horn solo, R. K. Jessup; vocal duet, Misses Osborn, accompanied by Mrs. Plumber; vocal solo, "New-Born King," Carl Schled, accompanied by Mrs. Wetzel.

Rev. Simpkin spoke from the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke, in which the song of the angel and the proclamation of the Christmas message are recorded. He said, in part:

Rev. Mr. Simpkin's Address.

After reference to the growing Christmas spirit measured by both its observance in gifts and the increase of altruistic thought and life, the preacher turned to an inquiry as to what is the Christmas message. There is a power in the message of the Christmas message, which has changed all the faces of the world, with all its selfish end and make a man willing to reverse the law of all his life, decentralizing himself and making holiday of unselfish ministry to his fellows is worthy of study.

What Is Christmas?

It is because it is Christmas. What is Christmas? If Christmas means anything it means a message. We know its joy and gladness, its kindly deed and beautiful service. But we often forget the meaning of all in the message.

As the angels sang over the shepherds, the proclamation was made and the truth which has changed the world, the meaning of the Christmas message is recorded. He said, in part:

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—A church where men and women of all creeds and faiths may worship God in the simplest form imaginable, where there will be no preaching, no choir, no ritual, no ceremony and no collection plate; where all the pews will be free, and only automatic music from electrically operated chimes and pipe organ will be heard—such is the church that Dr. August Schmidt, a German physician, will build and maintain at his own expense in South St. Louis.

Urged by a Voice.

Dr. Schmidt's conviction of what constitutes Christianity was acquired after two years of mental and spiritual torment from a "voice" urging on him countless sins and crimes and promising him immunity from punishment or suffering as a consequence.

Explains Contradictions.

Mightily he strove against this "voice," praying and reading his Bible, till finally, he says, he was made to understand that the Bible was inspired by both God and the devil, the latter being responsible for the parts in contradiction to the divine messages.

Devil a Hypnotist.

The devil exercises hypnotic influence over the souls of sinners, and in many cases they are unable to resist his temptations and are for that reason absorbed by God from all responsibility for their deeds, the penalty of which must be paid by Satan himself.

After death the souls of the entirely wicked are dissolved in the soul of Satan, thereby increasing his power and his punishment.

NOTICE.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 23, 1905. I desire to notify the public that I have this day taken possession of the New Southern Hotel, and am inspired by both God and the devil, the latter being responsible for the parts in contradiction to the divine messages.

Very respectfully,
LESTER D. FREED.

GARDNER DAILY STORE NEWS

Christmas Greeting.

Store will not open today